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SUBJECT: NEPAL AND DIEGO GARCIA

REF: ALGIERS 0628

1. DURING MEETING WITH FONSEC KHATRI MARCH 22 ON LAW OF SEA (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS), I TOOK OCCASION TO DISCUSS DIEGO GARCIA. I PRESENTED KHATRI WITH TRANSCRIPTS OF WEISS TESTIMONY OF MARCH 6, CLEMENTS AND NOYES OF MARCH 12 AND ZUMWALT OF MARCH 20. I STRESSED IMBALANCE OF FOREIGN COMMENTARY WHICH LARGELY IGNORES SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN AND UNDERScoreD THAT U.S. MODEST EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES WILL ADD TO STABILITY OF AREA.

2. KHATRI LISTENED CAREFULLY BUT MERELY OBSERVED HE UNDERSTOOD DIEGO GARCIA IS "RED HOT ISSUE" AND MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COKMENT.

3. FROM INDIAN PRESS (BUT NOT FROM REFTTEL OR LOCAL PRESS REPORTS) I NOTE THAT FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREA (OF WHICH NEPAL IS MEMBER) AT ALGIERS REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION PLAN AS "GRAVELY PREJUDICIAL TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND TO THE VITAL INTERESTS TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS IN THE AREA." FONMIN KARKI RETURNED FROM ALGIERS MEETING THIS
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MORNING, AND I EXPECT TO TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NEPAL'S

POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH HIM.

4. COMMENT: DIEGO GARCIA HAS NOT BEEN LIVE ISSUE HERE. THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY FEW EDITORIALS IN PRIVATE PRESS (NONE IN SEMI-OFFICIAL) SOME BALANCED, SOME REFLECTING BIAS OF FOREIGN SUBSIDIZATION (A15, ITEM 12). DURING INTERVIEW WITH THREE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS MARCH 1, KING BIRENDRA REPORTEDLY RESPONDED TO QUESTION ON DIEGO GARCIA WITH COMMENT "WE JUST DON'T WANT TENSION, ESPECIALLY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD WHERE THE SITUATION CAN BE IGNITED WE MUST TRY TO ERADICATE A SITUATION LIKE THIS." (KATHMANDU 1035). NON-ALIGNED MEET AT ALGIERS, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO HAVE PROJECTED NEPAL INTO THIS ISSUE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS USINT ALGIERS MIGHT HAVE ON NEPALESE POSITION AS WELL AS TEXT NAC FINAL DECLARATION DEALING WITH DIEGO GARCIA AND OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES. REQUEST DEPT PUT KATHMANDU ON DISTRIBUTION FOR PRINCIPAL ITEMS CONCERNING DIEGO GARCIA ISSUES.
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